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ADD 1 TURNER, WASHINGTON (UP-038)

BEFORE HIS APPEARANCE, TURNER READ A 10-PAGE STATEMENT TO REPORTERS THAT SPELLED OUT IS HIS CONCEPT OF THE JOB.

"TODAY, IN AN ERA OF EFFORT TO REDUCE INTERNAL TENSIONS, THE UNITED STATES NEEDS AN INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION OF HIGH QUALITY AND RESPONSIVENESS PROBABLY MORE THAN EVER BEFORE," HE SAID.

PRESIDENT CARTER, TURNER CONTINUED, "HAS WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS MADE IT EXPRESSLY CLEAR TO ME THAT HE EXPECTS THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE TO BE ABLE TO ENSURE HIM THAT OUR NATIONAL EFFORT TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE CURRENT INTELLIGENCE, AND TO DEVELOP NEW SYSTEMS OF COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS PRIORITIES AND WITH MINIMAL DUPLICATION OF EFFORT."

TURNER SAID THE PRESIDENT ALSO "WANTS TO BE ASSURED THAT THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE WORK OF ALL AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT IS BEING CONDUCTED STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AND AMERICAN VALUES."

TURNER SAID HE WOULD TRY TO AVOID COMPETITION AMONG THE CIA, THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND OTHER GOVERNMENT SPY BUREAUS.

"AS A MILITARY MAN, I APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE IN OUR SUBORDINATE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, AS WELL, OF COURSE, AS IN TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS," HE SAID.

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